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I am writing in support of HB 5558. This initiative would provide a much needed expansion of the medical waiver for all persons with autism and make strides toward improving services for high-need individuals with autism by enabling the delivery of behavior analytic services. The increased availability of ABA services would positively impact the placement opportunities for many individuals with autism and result in substantial benefit for the state and its residents (both fiscally and from a quality of life perspective). This is an opportunity to do what is right and to make a real difference for individuals with autism and their families.

Thanks for your time and attention in this matter.

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